

House Bill 801 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend an Act creating the Gainesville Redevelopment Authority, approved March 24, 1978 (Ga. L. 1978, p. 4440), so as to modify the composition and organization of the authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

An Act creating the Gainesville Redevelopment Authority, approved March 24, 1978 (Ga. L. 1978, p. 4440), is amended by revising Section 4 as follows:

"SECTION 4.

Composition and Organization of Authority.

(a) The Authority shall consist of nine members who shall be either residents of the City of Gainesville, operate, manage, or work for a business within the City of Gainesville, or own real property within the City of Gainesville. In making the appointments of members of the Authority, not more than one member should be selected from any one family, partnership, or other business organization. Within 30 days of the effective date of this Act, the city council of the City of Gainesville shall appoint eight members. The eight appointed members shall select a ninth member to serve a full term. For the initial appointments, the city shall appoint two persons for one year, two for two years, two for three years, and two for four years. The ninth member appointed by the initial eight members shall serve for a term of four years. Thereafter, all terms and appointments, except in case of a vacancy, shall be for four years. In the event a vacancy occurs, the city shall fill by appointment such vacancy for the unexpired term. In making any appointment for a vacancy or after the expiration of a term, the city shall request two nominations for each member to be appointed from the Authority. The governing authority of the City of Gainesville may, in its discretion, request the Authority to submit additional names before

making any appointment to the membership of the Authority. If no nomination is made within 14 days after such request, the appointment shall be made without any nomination. A member who has served a full four-year term shall not be eligible for reappointment until the lapse of one year after the expiration of his or her four-year term.

(b) In addition, the Authority shall have one ex officio member. The ex officio member shall be the mayor of the City of Gainesville or another council member designated by the mayor. The ex officio member shall serve in an advisory capacity only and shall have no voting authority.

(c) The members of the Authority shall organize and enter upon the performance of their duties immediately after their appointment as provided in this section.

(d) The Authority shall elect one of its members as Chairman and one as Vice-Chairman and shall elect a Secretary-Treasurer or a Secretary and a Treasurer, who may but need not necessarily hold membership on the Authority.

(e) Five members of the Authority shall constitute a quorum, and no vacancy on the Authority shall impair the right of the quorum to exercise all the rights and perform all the duties of the Authority at every meeting, and in every instance a majority vote of a quorum shall authorize any legal act of the Authority, including all things necessary to authorize and issue revenue bonds.

(f) The members of the Authority shall not be entitled to compensation for their services, but may be reimbursed by the Authority for their actual expenses properly incurred in the performance of their duties. Each member of the Authority shall hold office until his or her successor shall have been appointed. The Authority shall make rules, bylaws, and regulations for its own government and may retain, employ, and engage professional and technical supervisors, assistants, and experts and other agents and employees, temporary and permanent, as it may require. The members of the Authority shall be accountable in all respects as trustees, and the Authority shall keep suitable books and records of all its obligations, contracts, transactions, and undertakings and of all income and receipts of every nature and all expenditures of every kind."

## SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.